

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is
5 required under 35 U.S.C.121:

I: Claims 1-10 and 19-26, drawn to an optical
proximity correction method, classified in class
430, subclass 30.

10 II: Claims 11-18, drawn to a method of making a mask,
classified in class 430, subclass 5.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other
because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions of Group I and Group II are unrelated.
Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they
15 are not disclosed as capable of use together and they
have different modes of operation, different
functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04,
MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different
inventions have different functions. The invention
20 of Group I is used to correct features on a wafer
while the invention Group II is used to make a mask
which is used in the process of correcting features
on a wafer. The mask can be used in a different
process such as an electron beam exposure process.

25 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the
reasons given above and have acquired a separate
status in the art as shown by their different
classification, restriction for examination
purposes as indicated is proper.

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Response:

Applicants accept the Examiner's opinion and

amend the claims in the above AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS portion according to 37 CFR 1.143. The optical proximity correction method of claims 1-10 and 19-26 are elected as the subject matter to be examined in the present application. The method of making a mask of claims 11-18 are non-elected and therefore canceled. Reconsideration over claims 1-10 and 19-26 is hereby requested.

10 Inventorship

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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Response:

Inventors of the elected invention are not changed.

25 Sincerely yours,

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